(b) what is the request contained therein;

(c) whether the petition will be printed and placed on the Table;

(d) what action has been taken by the Government with respect to this petition;

(e) whether the request contained therein has been sanctioned;

(f) whether any reply has been sent to the petitioners?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(a) Yes.

(b) For a new tank in the western bazaar.

(c) No useful purpose would be served by printing and placing the petition on the Table.

(d), (e) and (f). The petition is not yet disposed of.

## Improving a tank in Pazhanji.

**27. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a petition from Mr. A. U. Verghese and others in Pazhanji, requesting to improve a tank in Pazhanji to be used for bathing;

(b) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer had received any petition regarding this matter prior to the above petition;

(c) when was this tank repaired last time;

(d) whether there is any other public tank in Pazhanji town to be used for bathing;

(e) when and what reply was sent to the petitioners by the Diwan;

(f) what action has been taken with reference to the above petition;

(g) whether the request contained therein has been sanctioned?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Nearly 15 years back.

(d) Yes.

(e) No reply was sent.

(f) It is under enquiry now by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

(g) The question does not arise in view of the answers to parts (e) and (f) above.

## Distribution of the allotment for town improvement works among the different Municipalities.

**28. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) how much of the allotment of Rs. 25,000 under the heading 'Medical and Sanitation' (Town Improvement Works) in this year's budget has been ear-marked for the towns of Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Trichur and Chittur respectively;

(b) whether the whole allotment for Ernakulam is not proposed to be spent this year and if so, under what heads of utilisation ;

(c) whether the Government have any idea of utilising any portion of the amount set apart for Ernakulam without estimates being prepared for the works before the works are actually undertaken;

(d) the number of estimates prepared and passed for the works intended to be carried out for Ernakulam this year and the total cost of these estimates;

(e) whether the Government have any objection in utilising a portion of the allotment, for drainage works badly needed in the bazaar for which even an estimate was prepared by the Assistant Engineer, Southern Division;

(f) whether the Government contemplate the transfer of any portion of the above allotment for Ernakulam to Trichur for tarring the road known as "The Round"?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—(a) A list of works sanctioned for the several Municipalities is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(b) Yes. A list of works taken up in the Ernakulam Municipality is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(c) No.

(d) Please vide answer to question (b) above.

(e) There is no balance in the allotment for meeting the expenditure.

(f) No. There is a proposal for tarring the roads in Trichur next year.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—My question is 'how much of the allotment of Rs. 25,000 under the heading 'Medical and Sanitation' (Town Improvement Works) in this year's budget has been earmarked for the towns of Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Trichur and Chittur respectively'. The answer to that is 'A list of works sanctioned for the several Municipalities is appended.' I asked for the amount out of the allotment of Rs. 25,000 and the answer is the list.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—That list gives the amount in detail.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—No.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—For Ernakulam Rs. 3,450, Mattancheri Rs. 2,500, Trichur Rs. 20,507 and Chittur-Tattamangalam Rs. 10,271.

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**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Is it all the amounts given? Will they make up Rs. 25,000?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—More than that.

**President.**—Haven't you got that list? Please see whether it is more than Rs. 25,000.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—In the list I have got Rs. 8,500 for Ernakulam.

**President.**—Your question is confined to Ernakulam?

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—No, to all Municipalities. In the budget it will be found that Mattancheri has got Rs. 4,000, Trichur Rs. 10,550, Ernakulam 8,500 and Chittur 4,000. Page 66, this year's budget. It is that amount that I wanted to face the Government with. It leads to the next question.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—I do not quite follow the question.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—I wanted the amount earmarked for Ernakulam this year, 1105.

**President.**—Out of the Rs. 25,000?

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Yes.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Out of the Rs. 25,000 allotted, the various amounts earmarked for the different Municipalities are given in this list.

**President.**—Ernakulam, how much?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Rs. 3,450. In addition to this there is the Rs. 8,500 of which a portion was transferred to the Municipality for them to spend.

**President.**—Rs. 25,000 was in all allotted.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Rs. 25,000 was allotted for the maintenance of trunk roads of the Municipalities. The distribution of that amount is given in this list. It is not in the budget.

**President.**—The distribution of the Rs. 25,000 is given in this list, namely, Ernakulam 3,450, Mattancheri 2,500, Trichur Rs. 20,507 and Chittur Rs. 10,271. All these will make up more than Rs. 25,000.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—These are estimates. Only Rs. 25,000 will be spent this year. Road maintenance will run through this year and next year.

**President.**—Rs. 25,000 has been budgetted, and when estimates were prepared this was the result, the increased amount given in the list. What the Chief Engineer says is that the expenditure will be confined to this allotment of Rs. 25,000.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Out of the Rs. 8,500 allotted in the budget, Rs. 3,450 alone is to be spent for Ernakulam.

**President.**—Yes, it will come to that.

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**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—(d). Over and above those taken up, nothing is attempted.

**President.**—In the light of the explanation now furnished by the Chief Engineer, it would appear that estimates have been prepared, the total amount of which would come to Rs. 3,450. Does not that furnish an answer to (d) ? A number of estimates was prepared— take the items 1, 2, 3 and 4—and passed for works. I do not know whether these estimates were passed for works intended to be carried out in Ernakulam this year.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Yes.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—There is no idea of spending the balance this year ?

**President.**—No.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—An explanation about that Rs. 8,500. We have already spent some money for the improvement of the Jew street, and this Rs. 3,450 is an addition to the amount covered by the Rs. 8,500 allotted for Town Improvements in Ernakulam.

**President.**—This will come out of this Rs. 8,500.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The whole of that Rs. 8,500 was not used up in Ernakulam Town. It was used for the improvement of certain drains, for the improvement of a road near the Railway Station and the drainage. All these were completed out of this Rs. 8,500.

**President.**—Including this Rs. 3,450 all the Rs. 8,500 have been spent for Ernakulam ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Not all, about Rs. 5,000.

**President.**—About Rs. 3,500 unspent. Over and above this Rs. 3,450, some additional amount has also been spent for the Railway road, etc.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Might have been spent. How much out of this Rs. 8,500 has been spent ? If I have followed the Chief Engineer this Rs. 5,000 is included.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—It is excluding that that this Rs. 3,450 has been spent.

**President.**—So it will come to Rs. 8,500.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—All the improvements in the town will cost more than Rs. 60,000.

**President.**—You confine your attention to the maintenance of the trunk roads. From the facts elicited it will appear that the amount expended is not confined to maintaining the trunk roads, but amounts have been spent for other purposes in the Ernakulam Municipality.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Out of this Rs. 8,500 only 3 thousand and add has been spent.

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**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—No. Out of the allotment of Rs. 8,500, more than Rs. 5,000 has been spent.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—What is the other item?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—That is improvement of the Jew Street.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—That was paid by the Municipality. This never came into the hands of the Municipality.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—A portion was transferred to the Municipality.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—When?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—I want notice.

## Placing of a copy of the answers in the Council Library.

**29. Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether at least a copy of each of the answers of the interpellations placed on the Council Table without being printed is being placed in the Council Library for future reference, and if not, what is the reason for not doing so?

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—As a rule, papers placed on the Council Table consist of the original files, registers, &c., of the respective offices and cannot, therefore, be placed in the Council Library for future reference. They are not generally printed, because, for one reason, they are at times voluminous. Such of the papers as are printed and of which copies could be spared have been placed in the Council Library.

## Amendment of the Cochin Tenancy Regulation.

**30 Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation in pursuance of the Proceedings of the Diwan issued on the subject?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—A Bill has been drafted and it is under scrutiny.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—May I know whether the Government will be in a position to introduce the amending Bill during the next Legislative Session?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—We hope to do it as early as possible.

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## APPENDIX I.

(*Vide answer to question No. 22.*)

Extract from the Chief Engineer's letter.

**Railway connection to Kunnamkulam.**

As matters now stand the question of a branch railway to Kunnamkulam is to receive attention after the conversion of the Shoranur Cochin Railway to Broad Gauge; vide D. P. Dis., No. 73/R/1102, dated May 11, 1927. If the branch railway is to be constructed on the metre gauge, it may be advantageous to make use of the released metre gauge materials, but under the preseut arrangement, all released materials go to the S. I. Ry., who have allowed credit therefor in the estimate for the conversion project. If therefore any part of the materials has to be diverted, the arrangement has to be revised accordingly and steps taken before the work is put in hand. In the next place, the question of gauge is of primary importance. After the conversion of the Shoranur-Cochin line, it would be undesirable to have a short connecting line on a different gauge. To avoid duplication of rolling stock and the undoubted inconveniences of transhipment, it will be necessary to have the new line constructed on the same gauge as the Shoranur-Cochin line. At Rs. 2 lakhs per mile, the new line would cost Rs. 30 lakhs approximately. It is exceedingly doubtful whether the present trade of Kunnamkulam would warrant the construction of the line at such heavy cost. These are matters to be investigated at a survey, but it seems that a railway to Kunnamkulam may not be paying proposition at least for some years to come. In regard to the question of passenger traffic between Kunnamkulam and Trichur, I may say that bus service has become a serious competitor to railways. It seems, therefore, unwise to count an income from passenger traffic while considering Railway Project.

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## APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to question No. 28.*)

List of works sanctioned in the Ernakulam Municipality.

| Serial No. | Name of work | Estimate No. | Estimate amount Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Maintenance of road from Railway Station to toll-gate on the Hill Palace road *via* Cusba Police Station | 42/C. W./05 | 1,605 |
| 2 | Do do road up to Edappalli toll-gate | 69 do | 85 |
| 3 | Do Railway Station—Broadway—Durbar Hall Road | 43/C. W./05 | 1,700 |
| 4 | Pay of road maistries for roads in Ernakulam | 78 do | 60 |
| | Total ... | | 3,450 |

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## APPENDIX III.

*(Vide answer to question No. 28.)*

**List of works sanctioned for the several Municipalities.**

| Serial No. | Name of work | Estimate No. | Estimate amount Rs. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Mattancheri.* | | | |
| 1 | Maintenance of Palliviruthi road | 41/C. W./05 | 1,510 | |
| 2 | do Mattancheri bazaar road | 70 ,, | 490 | |
| 3 | do Cheralai road | 72 ,, | 440 | |
| 4 | Pay of road maistries for roads in Mattancheri | 79 ,, | 60 | |
| | Total .. | | 2,500 | |
| | *Ernakulam.* | | | |
| 5 | Maintenance of road from Railway Station to toll-gate on the Hill Palace road *via* Cusba Police Station | 42/C. W./05 | 1,605 | |
| 6 | do road up to Edapalli toll-gate | 69 ,, | 85 | |
| 7 | do Railway Station—Broadway—Darbar Hall road | 43 ,, | 1,700 | |
| 8 | Pay of road maistries for roads in Ernakulam | 78 ,, | 60 | |
| | Total .. | | 3,450 | |
| | *Trichur.* | | | |
| 9 | Maintenance of Chalakkudi road including high road | 36/C. W./05 | 1,050 | |
| 10 | do Vanyampara road and East bazaar road | 37 ,, | 1,800 | |
| 11 | do "The Round" | 50 ,, | 875 | |
| 12 | do Shoranur road | 51 ,, | 613 | |
| 13 | do Padinjaranadakkavu and Pullai roads | 52 ,, | 788 | |
| 14 | do Kunnamkulam road | 38 ,, | 613 | |
| 15 | do Karupadana road | 48 ,, | 1,225 | |
| 16 | do Chettiangadi road | 49 ,, | 613 | |
| 17 | Special renewals to Chalakkudi road | 39 ,, | 1,600 | |
| 18 | do Vanyampara road including east bazaar road | 40 ,, | 1,500 | |
| 19 | do Karupadana road | 53 ,, | 3,050 | |
| 20 | do Chettiangadi road | 54 ,, | 880 | |
| 21 | do "The Round" | 55 ,, | 2,350 | |

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| Serial No. | Name of work | Estimate No. | Estimate amount Rs. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | Special renewals to Shoranur road | 56/C. W./05 | 1,600 | |
| 23 | do Padinjaranadakkavu and Pullai roads | 57 ,, | 780 | |
| 24 | do Kunnamkulam road | 58 ,, | 1,050 | |
| 25 | Pay of road maistries | 76 ,, | 120 | |
| | Total ... | | 20,507 | |
| | *Chittur Tattamangalam.* | | | |
| 26 | Maintenance of Nadupuni road | 46/C. W./05 | 2,898 | |
| 27 | do Athikode road | 47 ,, | 630 | |
| 28 | do Muthurungi road | 74 ,, | 358 | |
| 29 | do Bandithavalam road | 73 ,, | 315 | |
| 30 | Special renewals to Nadupuni road | | 3,300 | Estimates pending sanction. |
| 31 | do Athikode road | | 1,950 | |
| 32 | do Muthuringi road | | 700 | |
| 33 | Pay of road maistries | 77 ,, | 120 | |
| | Total ... | | 10,271 | |

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